

Appl. No. 09/758,726
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Reply to Office action of May 14, 2003

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Al A second soft, resilient thermoplastic foam disc 30 covers the first foam disc 24. The foam disc 30 has a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer 32 on one face, and the other face of the disc 24 is adhesively attached to the adhesive layer 28 of the first foam disc 24 so that the pressure-sensitive layer is exposed. The foam disc 30 has an outer diameter greater than the outer diameters of the first foam disc 24 and the disc 16. The [mating] belt mounting loops 22 do not extend beyond the diameter of the second foam disc 30 so that the skin of the ostomate is protected from belt hooks passing through the belt mounting loops 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 After the discs 24 and 30 are assembled, the liner 44 is stripped from the adhesive layer 32 of the disc 30 and the adhesive layer 32 of the disc 30 is applied concentrically to one face 50 of the adhesive hydrocolloid skin barrier disc 34. To aid in this operation, a pilot aperture 52 is provide at the center of the adhesive hydrocolloid skin barrier disc 34.